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TO: Thomas H. Brown, Jr., RFE/New York
FROM: Erik Baselhoff, RFE/Munich
SUBJECT: Translation of an Item from the "Deutscher Ostdienst."

Here follows a passage translated from the official weekly news service of the powerful roof organization of all expellee groups, the "Bund der Vertriebenen." It is of considerable interest because it constitutes an outright attack against an old enemy of Radio Free Europe, Vladimir Pabalek, publisher of the vicious exile paper "Bohemia" and the head of the so-called "Czech Federalist" group. In the process of attacking Pabalek the Bund der Vertriebenen comes remarkably close, by inference, to accepting the activities of RFE. It is a clear sign of the progress made in the last three years towards respecting RFE's purposes amongst the bona fide expellee groups.

cc: President, FRC
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Excerpt from the "Münchener Ortsblatt"
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...He (Pekálek) is the publisher of the Czech-language publication "Robeza" (Gloze) which appears in irregular intervals. Originally Pekálek was one of the co-signatories of the "Vienna Agreement" but later he alienated himself from General (Ivan) Prohaska. He (Pekálek) has no influence whatsoever on Western Governments (but) in his paper he continuously attacks the independent, anti-Communist, privately-run American radio station "Free Europe" which operates under a Federal Government license. However, his publications (in his paper) do not detail information (some of them true, most of them untrue) concerning the personnel of this station without considering that the Communists in Prague can only enjoy to receive such "news". Within Czechoslovakia the name of Pekálek and his organization are all but unknown."